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Applicant(s) : Manabu HONMA, et al. CONF No.: 9917  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 22, 2008, to which the time for response is set to expire October 22, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims being on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.